GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

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DISABLED FRIENDLY FACILITIES IN GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHMENTS
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has instructed the State Governments to direct local bodies to create a hassle free and conducive atmosphere for free movement of disabled in Government establishments;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the implementation status of such instructions State-wise including Kerala; and

(c) the other steps taken or proposed by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA DEO)

(a): Union Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is the nodal Ministry dealing with the issues of persons with disabilities, its law, policies and programmes and Administers the persons with Disability (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995. Section 46 of the said Act deals with non-discrimination in the built environment and mandates the appropriate Governments and local authorities to provide for free movement of persons with disabilities in public buildings. That Ministry, from time to time, reiterates the provisions of the said Act to the Central Ministries/ State Governments for proper implementation. Since this Ministry deals with the matter relating to Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), this Ministry also requested on 05.09.2012, the Panchayati Raj Departments of all States/ UTs including the State of Kerala for bringing the provisions of section 46 of the above mention act to the notice of concerned authorities of PRIs at all levels.

(b): The reply received from Kerala shows that sixty-one Gram Panchayats have provided such facilitiy to enable hassle free movement for the disabled.

(c): The Ministry of Panchayati Raj continues its role of advocacy in the matter.